

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A disc ~~cartridge~~ recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a disc; and

a disc cartridge having a main cartridge body unit configured to house said disc therein and provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said disc across inner and outer rims thereof;

wherein an opening for a driving unit, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means, configured for rotationally driving said disc, is formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit; the inner peripheral surface of said opening for the driving unit operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus; the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving unit in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction for mounting the disc cartridge on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus; and

an annular loading support part configured to position said disc cartridge in the horizontal direction and in the height-wise direction, said loading support part having a ring-shaped center fitting protrusion at an inner periphery fitted in said opening for a driving unit of said disc cartridge.

Claim 2 (Original): The disc cartridge according to claim 1 wherein a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit is formed as a substantially semicircular arcuate section having the center of said disc housed in said main cartridge body unit as center.

Claim 3 (Original): The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein said arcuate section is formed on a side of insertion of said main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 3, wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed facing a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section.

Claim 5 (Original): The disc cartridge according to claim 1 further comprising:
a shutter unit configured to open/close said recording and/or reproducing aperture;
and

a slide guide formed on said main cartridge body unit for movably carrying said shutter unit;

said slide guide being provided such that, when said inner peripheral surface is set on said recording and/or reproducing apparatus, said mounting reference plane in said height-wise direction is protruded from said slide guide towards said rotational driving means.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a cartridge holder on which is loaded a disc cartridge including a main cartridge body unit, said main cartridge body unit rotatably housing an optical disc, said main cartridge body unit being provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said optical disc across inner and outer rims, there being formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit an opening, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means configured for rotationally driving said disc; the inner

peripheral surface of said opening operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus; the peripheral edge of said opening in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction;

an annular loading support part configured to position said disc cartridge in the horizontal direction and in the height-wise direction; and

said annular loading support part having a ring-shaped center fitting protrusion at an inner periphery, fitted in said opening for a driving unit of said disc cartridge, said annular loading support part having a tapered surface ~~support part~~ at an outer periphery carrying the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving unit of said disc cartridge.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said loading support part is formed for surrounding the outer rim of rotation driving means for rotationally driving said disc.